

Participating Libraries

Everyone's Reading *The Lincoln Lawyer* is sponsored by the following Metro Net Consortium libraries.

Baldwin Public Library
(248) 647-1700
www.baldwinlib.org

Canton Public Library
(734) 397-0999
www.cantonpl.org

Southfield Public Library
(248) 796-4200
www.southfieldlibrary.org

Bloomfield Township Public Library
(248) 642-5800
www.btpl.org

Farmington Community Library
(248) 553-0300
www.farmlib.org

West Bloomfield Township Public Library
(248) 682-2120
www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org

Rochester Hills Public Library
(248) 650-7130
www.rhpl.org

In addition, the following public libraries are participating in Everyone's Reading.

Berkley Public Library
(248) 658-3440
www.berkley.lib.mi.us

Oak Park Public Library
(248) 691-7480
www.ci.oak-park.mi.us/Library

Plymouth District Library
(734) 453-0750
plymouthlibrary.org

Dearborn Public Library
(313) 943-2330
www.dearbornlibrary.org

Orion Township Public Library
(248) 693-3000
www.orionlibrary.org

Royal Oak Public Library
(248) 246-3700
www.ropl.org



For a complete list of this year's Everyone's Reading programs, check at your participating library or go to www.everyonesreading.info.



The film adaptation of *The Lincoln Lawyer* is scheduled for release on March 18, 2011.

Watch a trailer at www.everyonesreading.info.



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READER'S GUIDE

What is Everyone's Reading?

Everyone's Reading is a community wide reading program sponsored by Metro Detroit public libraries in Oakland and Wayne counties. Now in its tenth year, Everyone's Reading promotes community dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. Additional programming, related to issues and topics in the selected book, is offered to enhance the reading experience.

"I am deeply honored that my novel The Lincoln Lawyer has been chosen for the Everyone's Reading event. Wow, to think the character of Mickey Haller will be welcomed into so many readers' hearts is amazing. Mickey is a work of fiction but he was certainly inspired and influenced by a handful of lawyers I know who make it their practice to stand for the underdog. I think that's where he connects with me and hopefully it will be the same with you. As a writer, I have had the ultimate ride with this book. Ten years ago this month I met a lawyer who worked out of the back seat of his car. That triggered the idea that later became the book that later became the movie. You can't beat that and I look forward to taking the experience one step further with you!"

— Michael Connelly



The 2011 Everyone's Reading selection is ***The Lincoln Lawyer*** by New York Times bestselling author, Michael Connelly.

Previous Everyone's Reading Selections:

2010

Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow

2009

Finding My Voice by Diane Rehm

2008

The Beekeeper's Apprentice by Laurie R. King

2007

Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age by Kevin Boyle

2006

Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II by Robert Kurson

2005

Author Elizabeth McCracken, featuring ***Here's Your Hat***, ***What's Your Hurry***; ***The Giant's House***; and ***Niagara Falls All Over Again***

2004

Saul and Patsy by Charles Baxter

2003

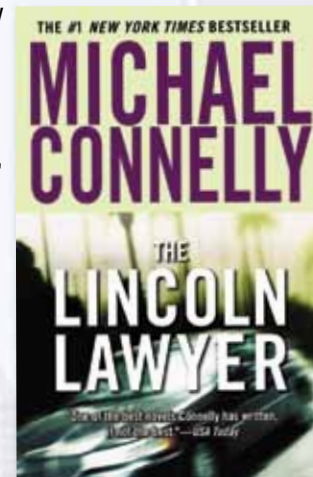
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines

2002

Pay It Forward by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Why Read *The Lincoln Lawyer*?

To mark the 10th anniversary of Everyone's Reading, the Metro Net libraries have chosen a thriller by one of today's most popular authors, Michael Connelly. With 22 novels to his credit, Connelly has received every major award in mystery fiction, and his books are always at the top of the bestseller charts. In addition, he is a regular supporter of libraries and reading programs like Everyone's Reading.



Michael Connelly has set the standard for writing well-paced, well-plotted, and well-crafted crime fiction. Praised for the clarity and power of his style, his heroes are far from perfect men. They nevertheless strive to deal with the violence and decadence of the world they live in, without becoming evil themselves. Best known for his series featuring Harry Bosch, Connelly's newest hero, Mickey Haller, has taken on a life of his own, teaming up with Bosch in several novels. The newest, *The Fifth Witness*, will be released this April.

The Lincoln Lawyer is a change of pace for Connelly from his darker L.A. crime novels. Protagonist Mickey Haller seems at

first to be anything but a hero. A cynical defense attorney who literally works out of the backseat of his car, Mickey advertises his services on bus benches in high crime areas. Mickey is still redeemable, however, and that little bit of integrity puts him in danger when he is picked to defend a wealthy young man against a charge of assault.

How to Get Involved

Check out *The Lincoln Lawyer* from a participating library listed in this brochure.

Participate in the various Everyone's Reading programs, from the best crime books to CSI techniques. Find program information at www.everyonesreading.info.

Use the discussion questions on the Everyone's Reading website to lead your own book discussion, or attend a book discussion at one of the participating libraries listed at www.everyonesreading.info.

Hear Michael Connelly speak at one of the author appearances in Birmingham and West Bloomfield.

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About the Author

Michael Connelly began his writing career not as a novelist but as a journalist working for newspapers in Florida and eventually at the *Los Angeles Times*. As a reporter, Connelly covered the crime beat, which seems appropriate as his decision to become a writer was partly due to his interest in the detective novels of Raymond Chandler. In 1992, Connelly made the transition to fiction with the publication of his first novel, *The Black Echo*. This first of many Hieronymus Harry Bosch novels won Connelly the Edgar Award for Best First Novel by the Mystery Writers of America. The prolific Connelly continued publishing Harry Bosch novels as well as other stand alone thrillers. In 2002, Connelly's work was first adapted for the big screen when *Blood Work* was made into a movie directed by and starring Clint Eastwood.

Attorney Mickey Haller came to life in October 2005 in *The Lincoln Lawyer*, Connelly's 16th novel, and this year's Everyone's Reading selection. *The Lincoln Lawyer*, starring Matthew McConaughey as Mickey Haller, opens in movie theaters in March 2011. Both Haller and Bosch appear in Connelly's most recent work, *The Reversal*, released in October 2010. Connelly has published an impressive 22 novels, multiple short stories and one non-fiction collection of crime stories, *Crime Beat*. His work has received numerous awards, including the Edgar, Anthony and Macavity awards, and has been translated into 35 languages. Michael Connelly lives in Florida with his family.

Meet the Author

You are invited to hear Michael Connelly speak about his life and experience writing *The Lincoln Lawyer*, as well as his upcoming release, *The Fifth Witness*, which is also part of the Mickey Haller series. Copies of the books will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the Book Beat bookstore.



Thursday, April 14 at 2 PM

The Community House, Birmingham

Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 PM

The Berman Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield

Due to popular demand, a ticket will be required for Connelly's appearances. Tickets are free but limited. Contact your local participating library for more information and ticket availability.

Overflow seating will be available to view Michael Connelly's evening presentation live via simulcast at the Jewish Community Center's Handleman Hall. *Tickets are not required for overflow seating.*

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